

IN HONOR OF JOHN E.
CHRISTENSEN

• Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I rise at this time to recognize an outstanding citizen for the achievements and contributions he has made to the people of the State of Colorado. After a 30-year career in education, John Christensen is retiring as principal of Greeley Central High School.

John Christensen, or "JC" as he is known, began his teaching career in 1964 at Carbondale Junior High School in Carbondale, CO. Over the next three decades, he became one of the driving forces in Weld County education. He taught mathematics, physical education, and biology. He coached basketball, football, track, and baseball, and served as an athletic director and assistant principal before becoming principal of Greeley Central.

As a resident of Greeley, CO, I am aware of the contributions JC has made to students and to the community. In addition to his classroom and administrative responsibilities, his enthusiasm and dedication to students' extra-curricular programs led him to speech contests, musical concerts, theater performances, athletic events and countless other student activities in the evenings and on weekends. During some of those athletic events he was a fan; other times he was the coach. In 1975, he coached Greeley West's AAA State Baseball Championship Team, a demonstration of his commitment to hard work and excellence.

John Christensen's selfless dedication brought him richly deserved recognition. In 1989, he was presented the International Thespian Award by International Thespian Society Troupe 657 for his support of theater arts at Greeley Central. In 1990, he received the Administrator Award from the Colorado Music Educators' Association. He served as president of the Colorado High School Football Coaches Association and was inducted into the District 6 Coaches' Hall of Fame for his years of service to youth as a football and baseball coach. He is past president of the Northern League Principals Association and continues to consult and speak at various leadership conferences across the country.

Greeley Central's Class of 1994 so greatly admired and respected John Christensen, their own principal, they chose him as their commencement speaker. His leadership and integrity has affected students, parents, teachers, and fellow administrators. In 1995, he received the prestigious Governor's Award for Excellence in Education. Most impressive of all is the new scholarship created in JC's name by Greeley Central's faculty. The John Christensen "Pride, Class and Dignity Award" is to be given to a Greeley Central High School senior who is active in student life, displays a distinguished academic record, and exemplifies outstanding leadership.

I have worked with numerous public officials and business leaders from

across the country. There are few of the same high caliber as John Christensen. His integrity, enthusiasm, and dedication are unequalled. For this, I thank him for his service and wish him and his family, Jonna, JJ and Jill, the very best.●

A NEW INTERNATIONAL
PARTNERSHIP

• Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, this week an historic agreement will be signed here in Washington that I believe embodies the enduring spirit of international commerce and what could be the promoting future of the Baltic States.

On March 28, 1996, government officials from the Baltic country of Estonia will sit down with representatives from one of my constituents, NRG Energy, Inc., and pen a memorandum of understanding [MOU] that could lead to NRG jointly owning, as well as managing and operating, the major electric generation assets in Estonia.

The agreement is a further step forward for Estonia, which is rapidly progressing into the global village. At the beginning of this decade, Estonia was one of the first nations to break from the old Soviet sphere of influence. Movement toward the West has been constant ever since. In 1991, Estonia became a member of the United Nations and it was welcomed into the World Bank in 1992. Today, the nation envisions itself as a member of the European Union and has submitted a formal application for inclusion.

Estonia's coalition government, led by Prime Minister Tiit Vahi and Foreign Minister Siim Kallas, has forged swiftly ahead in developing the open markets necessary to bring the nation into the global economy. These leaders should be commended for their foresight and resolve in making free trade a cornerstone of the country's impressive economic maturity.

Mr. President, the Estonians should be praised for their steady progress away from a command and control economy and toward free market principles. They share with a majority of Americans a strong belief that most often the private sector can better conduct business than the government.

Already the Estonian Government has privatized more than 377 of its enterprises. This includes the remarkable undertaking of privatizing and modernizing its entire telecommunications sector which was jointly accomplished with contributions from Swedish and Finnish interests.

Under the guidance of Arvo Niitenberg, former energy minister and current Estonian Ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency, the most ambitious investment initiative to date is occurring in the electricity sector. For this endeavor, the Estonians looked to American expertise and know-how, and found these qualities in abundance with NRG. As a subsidiary of Northern States Power

Company [NSP], a Minneapolis-based, multistate, investor-owned electric and gas utility, NRG has successfully brought the Minnesota penchant for hard work and a no-nonsense approach to international power projects in Australia and the former East Germany.

No doubt, NRG's success around the globe will once again evidence itself in Estonia. The project entails an investment of up to \$250 million by NRG for environmental upgrades and plant life extension in the Estonian electric company and NRG's management and operation of three powerplants totaling more than 3,000 megawatts through a stock company jointly owned with the Estonians. This represents almost the entirety of Estonia's power production in what is sure to be a win-win partnership in which NRG will apply its extensive and renowned expertise in emission reductions and operation of world class powerplants for the growing Estonian economy.

Mr. President, the MOU to be signed this week is the consummation of an important partnership not only between NRG and the Estonians, but also between Estonia and the United States. I welcome the partnership being established March 28 at the State Department as not only the teaming of a nation with a company, but also the commencement of a lasting relationship between two nations.●

BUDGET SCOREKEEPING REPORT

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I hereby submit to the Senate the budget scorekeeping report prepared by the Congressional Budget Office under section 308(b) and in aid of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as amended. This report meets the requirements for Senate scorekeeping of section 5 of Senate Concurrent Resolution 32, the first concurrent resolution on the budget for 1986.

This report shows the effects of congressional action on the budget through March 21, 1996. The estimates of budget authority, outlays, and revenues, which are consistent with the technical and economic assumptions of the 1996 concurrent resolution on the budget (H. Con. Res. 67), show that current level spending is above the budget resolution by \$15.7 billion in budget authority and by \$16.9 billion in outlays. Current level is \$81 million below the revenue floor in 1996 and \$5.5 billion above the revenue floor over the 5 years 1996-2000. The current estimate of the deficit for purposes of calculating the maximum deficit amount is \$262.6 billion, \$17.0 billion above the maximum deficit amount for 1996 of \$245.6 billion.

Since my last report, dated March 12, 1996, Congress has cleared and the President has signed the 11th short-term continuing resolution (Public Law 104-116). In addition, the President signed an act providing tax benefits for members of the Armed Forces performing peacekeeping services in Bosnia

and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Macedonia (Public Law 104-117). These actions did not change the current level of budget authority, outlays or revenues.

The report follows:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, March 25, 1996.

Hon. PETE V. DOMENICI,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The attached report for fiscal year 1996 shows the effects of Congressional action on the 1996 budget and is current through March 21, 1996. The estimates of budget authority, outlays and revenues are consistent with the technical and economic assumptions of the 1996 Concurrent Resolution on the Budget (H. Con. Res. 67). This report is submitted under Section 308(b) and in aid of Section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act, as amended.

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Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL,
Director.

THE CURRENT LEVEL REPORT FOR THE U.S. SENATE, FISCAL YEAR 1996, 104TH CONGRESS, 2ND SESSION, AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAR. 21, 1996 [In billions of dollars]

	Budget resolution (H. Con. Res. 67)	Current Level ¹	Current level over/under resolution
ON-BUDGET			
Budget Authority	1,285.5	1,301.2	15.7
Outlays	1,288.1	1,305.0	16.9
Revenues:			
1996	1,042.5	1,042.4	-0.1
1996-2000	5,691.5	5,697.0	5.5
Deficit	245.6	262.6	17.0
Debt subject to Limit	5,210.7	4,897.2	-313.5
OFF-BUDGET			
Social Security Outlays:			
1996	299.4	299.4	0.0
1996-2000	1,626.5	1,626.5	0.0
Social Security Revenues:			
1996	374.7	374.7	0.0
1996-2000	2,061.0	2,061.0	0.0

¹ Current level represents the estimated revenue and direct spending effects of all legislation that Congress has enacted or sent to the President for his approval. In addition, full-year funding estimates under current law are included for entitlement and mandatory programs requiring annual appropriations even if the appropriations have not been made. The current level of debt subject to limit reflects the latest U.S. Treasury information on public debt transactions.

THE ON-BUDGET CURRENT LEVEL REPORT FOR THE U.S. SENATE, 104TH CONGRESS, 2ND SESSION, SENATE SUPPORTING DETAIL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996 AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAR. 21, 1996

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
ENACTED IN PREVIOUS SESSIONS			
Revenues			1,042,557
Permanents and other spending legislation	830,272	798,924	
Appropriation legislation		242,052	
Offsetting receipts	-200,017	-200,017	
Total previously enacted ...	630,254	840,958	1,042,557

THE ON-BUDGET CURRENT LEVEL REPORT FOR THE U.S. SENATE, 104TH CONGRESS, 2ND SESSION, SENATE SUPPORTING DETAIL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996 AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAR. 21, 1996—Continued

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority	Outlays	Revenues
ENACTED IN FIRST SESSION			
Appropriation bills:			
1995 Rescissions and Department of Defense Emergency Supplementals Act (P.L. 104-6)	-100	-885	
1995 Rescissions and Emergency Supplementals for Disaster Assistance Act (P.L. 104-19)			
Agriculture (P.L. 104-37)	22	-3,149	
Defense (P.L. 104-61)	62,602	45,620	
Energy and Water (P.L. 104-46)	243,301	163,223	
Legislative Branch (P.L. 105-53)	19,336	11,502	
Military Construction (P.L. 104-32)	2,125	1,977	
Transportation (P.L. 104-50)	11,177	3,110	
Treasury, Postal Service (P.L. 104-52)	12,682	11,899	
Offsetting receipts	23,026	20,530	
Authorization bills:	-7,946	-7,946	
Self-Employed Health Insurance Act (P.L. 104-7)	-18	-18	-101
Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (P.L. 104-42)	1	1	
Fishermen's Protective Act Amendments of 1995 (P.L. 104-43)		(⁶)	
Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act Amendments of 1995 (P.L. 104-48)	1	(⁶)	1
Alaska Power Administration Sale Act (P.L. 104-58)	-20	-20	
ICC Termination Act (P.L. 104-88)			(⁶)
Total enacted first session	366,191	245,845	-100

ENACTED IN SECOND SESSION			
Appropriation bills:			
Seventh Continuing Resolution (P.L. 104-92) ¹	13,165	11,037	
Ninth Continuing Resolution (P.L. 104-99) ¹	792	-825	
Foreign Operations (P.L. 104-107)	12,104	5,936	
Offsetting receipts	-44	-44	
Authorization bills:			
Gloucester Marine Fisheries Act (P.L. 104-91) ²	30,502	19,151	
Smithsonian Institution Commemorative Coin Act (P.L. 104-96)	3	3	
Saddleback Mountain—Arizona Settlement Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-102)		-7	
Telecommunications Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-104) ³			
Farm Credit System Regulatory Relief Act (P.L. 104-105)	-1	-1	
National Defense Authorization Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-106)	369	367	
Extension of Certain Expiring Authorities of the Department of Veterans Affairs (P.L. 104-110)	-5	-5	
To award Congressional Gold Medal to Ruth and Billy Graham (P.L. 104-111) ...	(⁶)	(⁶)	
An Act Providing for Tax Benefits for Armed Forces in Bosnia, Herzegovina, Croatia and Macedonia (H.R. 2778)			-38
Total enacted second session	56,884	35,613	

CONTINUING RESOLUTION AUTHORITY			
Eleventh Continuing Resolution (P.L. 104-116) ⁴	116,863	54,882	
ENTITLEMENTS AND MANDATORIES			
Budget resolution baseline estimates of appropriated entitlements and other mandatory programs not yet enacted			
Total Current Level ⁵	131,056	127,749	
Total Budget Resolution	1,301,247	1,305,048	1,042,419
Amount remaining:	1,285,500	1,288,100	1,042,500
Under Budget Resolution			81
Over Budget Resolution	15,747	16,948	

¹ P.L. 104-92 and P.L. 104-99 provides funding for specific appropriated accounts until September 30, 1996.

² This bill, also referred to as the sixth continuing resolution for 1996, provides funding until September 30, 1996 for specific appropriated accounts.

³ The effects of this Act on budget authority, outlays and revenues begin in fiscal year 1997.

⁴ This is an annualized estimate of discretionary funding that expires March 22, 1996, for the following appropriation bills: Commerce-Justice, Interior, Labor-HHS-Education and Veterans-HUD.

⁵ In accordance with the Budget Enforcement Act, the total does not include \$3,417 million in budget authority and \$1,590 million in outlays for funding of emergencies that have been designated as such by the President and the Congress.

⁶ Less than \$500,000.

Notes: Detail may not add due to rounding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar No. 449;

I further ask unanimous consent that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, that any statements relating to the nomination appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination was considered and confirmed, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Rita Derrick Hayes, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Chief Textile Negotiator.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

FEDERAL TEA TASTERS REPEAL ACT OF 1996

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2969, the Federal Tea Tasters Repeal Act of 1996, just received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2969) to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no objection, the bill is deemed to be read the third time and passed.

So the bill (H.R. 2969) was deemed read the third time and passed.

Mr. LOTT. I move to reconsider the vote, and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1996

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it